

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

IN RE ALTA MESA RESOURCES, INC.
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 4:19-cv-00957

PUBLIC VERSION OF DKT. 609-1

**DECLARATION OF TRIG R. SMITH IN SUPPORT OF CLASS PLAINTIFFS'
REPLY IN SUPPORT OF CLASS PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO EXCLUDE
CHARLES WHITEHEAD'S OPINION NO. 1**

I, Trig R. Smith, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice before all of the courts of the State of California. I am a member of the law firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, one of the counsel of record for plaintiff in the above-entitled action.

2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Class Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Class Plaintiffs' Motion to Exclude Charles Whitehead's Opinion No. 1

3. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein and, if called upon, I could and would competently testify thereto.

4. Attached hereto are true and correct copies of the following documents¹:

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
P.	Transcript excerpts of the Videotaped Deposition of Charles Whitehead, dated November 17, 2023

¹ Exhibit numbers A-O are attached to the Declaration of Trig R. Smith In Support of Class Plaintiffs' Motion to Exclude Charges Whitehead's Opinion No. 1 (Dkt. 519-1).

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
Q.	Caroline Lievore, et al., <i>Research ethics: a profile of retractions from world class universities</i> , 126 Scientometrics 6871 (2021)
R.	Adam Badawi, et al., <i>Does Voluntary Disclosure Matter? The Case of Fairness Opinions in Mergers and Acquisitions</i> , 66 Journal of Law and Economics 535 (2023)
S.	Adam Badawi, et. al., <i>Is There a First-Drafter Advantage in M&A?</i> , 107 California Law Review 1119 (2019)
T.	Felix Zhiyu Feng, et al., <i>The Incentives of SPAC Sponsors</i> , working paper at 2, 2023, https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4069007)
U.	Iqbal Ahmed Chowdhury, <i>Issue of Quality in a Qualitative Research: An Overview</i> , 8 Innovative Issues and Approaches in Social Sciences (2015)
V.	W. Newton Suter, <i>Introduction to Educational Research, A Critical Thinking Approach</i> , ch. 12 Qualitative Data, Analysis, and Design (2nd ed.) (2012)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on February 1, 2023, at San Diego, California.

s/ Trig R. Smith
TRIG R. SMITH

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing has been served under seal via the Court's ECF system, and a copy has been served via email to counsel for all parties on February 2, 2024.

/s/ Andrew J. Entwistle

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